

There will soon be more of us in the STRING region

The STRING Secretariat has recently updated the population numbers for the entire STRING region using official statistics for 2018/19.

These numbers show that from January 1st 2020, there will be 12.8 million German, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian Europeans in our megaregion from Hamburg to Oslo, compared to 12.6 in 2014. Apart from a minor population growth, this is also due to the fact that whilst STRING will lose a member in January 2020, it will still result in a larger geographically populated area.

As part of an ongoing regional reform in Norway, the two counties of Akershus and Østfold will as of January 1st 2020 merge with Buskerud County to create a new administrative regional entity – Viken (as marked in the picture). The inclusion of Buskerud has inevitably led to more inhabitants now making up the STRING geography; as well as the cooperation. Welcome!



Please find the numbers for the regions/county councils below:

Hamburg (city and state)	GE	1.830.584
Schleswig-Holstein (state)	GE	2.889.821
Region Zealand	DK	835.024
The Capital Region of Denmark (including the City of Copenhagen)	DK	1.822.659
Skåne (including the City of Malmö)	SWE	1.504.060
Western Sweden (consisting of Halland: 320.333; and Västra Götaland, including the City of Gothenburg: 1.671.783)	SWE	2.015.607
Viken	NOR	1.227.797
Oslo (city and county)	NOR	681.729
Total		<u>12.807.281</u>

Sources:

Cities: https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=urb_cpop1&lang=en

Regions: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/RCI/#?vis=nuts2.population&lang=en>

Norway/ new counties: <https://www.viken2020.no/viken-fylke/dette-er-viken/fakta-og-tall-om-viken/>

Source: SSB, statistics table 01222, published 18.12.2018; table: 'Norges nye fylker i innbyggertall' (as of 01.01.2019)

Picture of Viken: <https://www.viken2020.no/viken-fylke/dette-er-viken/kart/>

Please find the numbers for larger cities below (2018):

Gothenburg	564.039
Malmö	333.633
Hamburg	1.830.584

Source: https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=urb_cpop1&lang=en

City of Copenhagen	613.288
<u>Frederiksberg Municipality</u>	<u>104.410</u>

Copenhagen and Frederiksberg	717.698
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Source: <https://www.statistikbanken.dk/statbank5a/default.asp?w=2560>
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